

Branko the stepladder

Manchester City's giant goalkeeper Joe Corrigan uses the back of Branislav Buljevic to make a desperate save under pressure from David Gorrie, while George Heslop and Tommy Booth cover from behind.

It was only one of Victoria's many dangerous attacks during the first half of last Sunday's big game at Olympic Park.

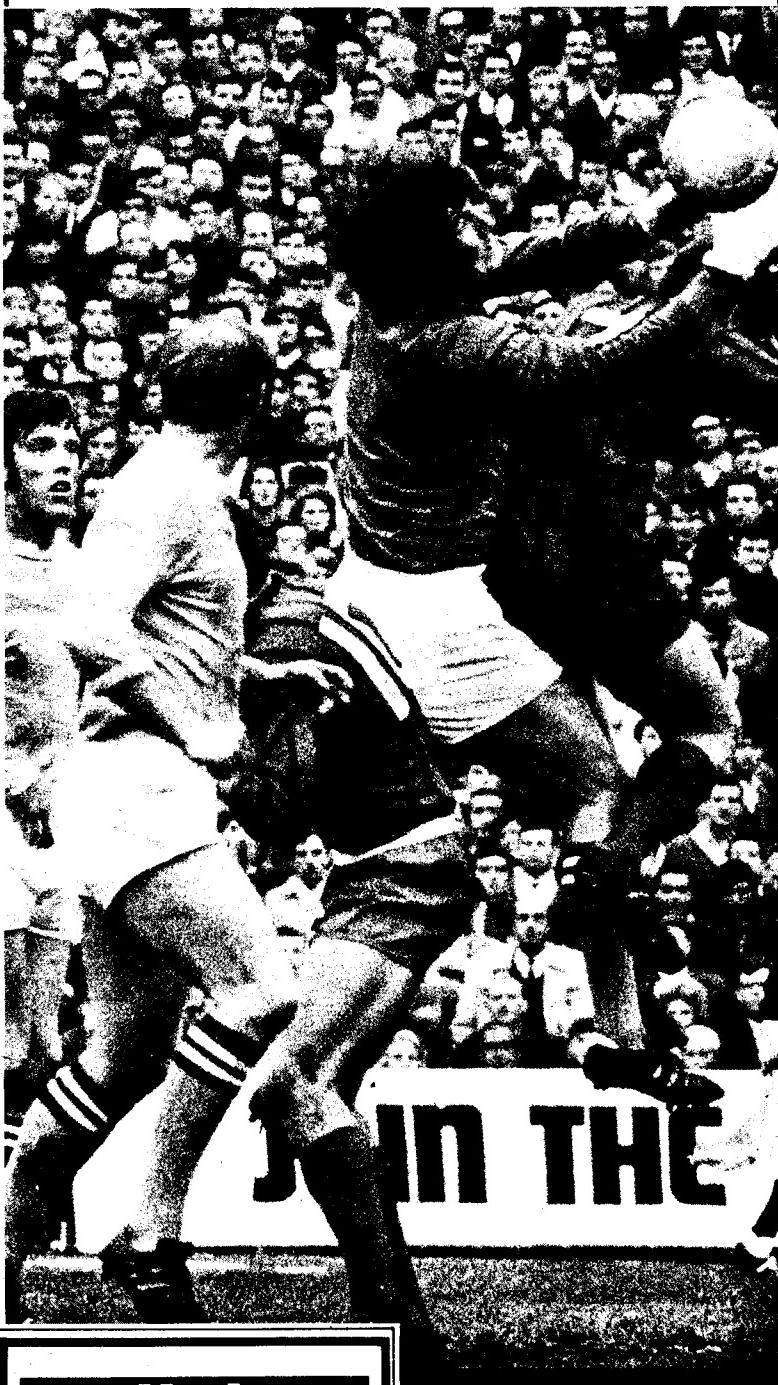
Playing fast, one-touch soccer and with Billy Vojtek masterminding the offensives,

Victoria was unlucky not to lead through a penalty at half time.

But the Victorians ran out of puff as the game wore on, allowing Manchester to take charge in midfield.

Brilliant linkman Mike Doyle, playing his first game in Australia, crashed through for a hat-trick to give Manchester a 3-0 victory.

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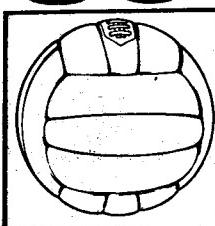
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VICS TO FACE WERDER

By LAURIE SCHWAB

German Bundesliga team Werder Bremen will be Victoria's fifth European opponent this year and the first Bundesliga team ever to visit Melbourne.

Werder and Victoria will clash at Olympic Park on June 7 at 3 p.m.

Werder Bremen might be the first in a long line of German visitors.

Already negotiations are under way to bring out the famous Hamburg team St. Pauli.

A visit by either Uwe Seeler's Hamburger SV, Hertha BSC of Berlin or Schalke 04 may follow later.

Werder Bremen is one of West Germany's oldest football clubs.

Always top

Founded by 12 high school boys on February 5, 1899, Werder has always been the top division of German football and has never been relegated.

One of the nine clubs that founded the German national league (Bundesliga) in 1963, Werder won the 1965 premiership and was runner-up in 1966.

Before the formation of the Bundesliga, Werder was North German runner-up in 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963.

It won the All-German Cup in 1961.

In 1934, 1936, 1937, 1942 and 1947, Werder won its regional league championship.

Over the seven years of

the Bundesliga's history, Werder ranks third in points scored.

During the 1969-70 season, Werder drew 0-0 with eventual premier Moenchengladbach and finished runner-up Hertha BSC 10 and fourth placed FC Koeln 21.

Werder has more than

3000 members. It fields 11 senior and junior teams and also runs athletics, table tennis and chess.

About 1100 members are less than 18 years old.

Werder plays in white shirts, green shorts and white socks.

• Werder's recovery, page 3.

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VICS TOO SLOW IN MIDFIELD

By Laurie Schwab

Victoria's midfield fell to pieces in the second half of its game against Manchester City on Sunday.

City's Mike Doyle and Alan Oakes, supported by Tony Towers' thrusts down the centre, taught Victoria what link play is all about.

Jimmy MacKay kept battling and his occasional exchanges with Billy Vojtek proved successful but Frank Micic and David Gorrie were far too slow.

At the five-minute mark, Micic had broken through and was leading Glyn Pardoe by five yards, with an open path to goal.

But Pardoe caught up easily, won the ball and stopped the attack.

Gorrie, playing his first full international, often used his intelligence to offset his lack of pace. Sometimes it got him out of trouble but the performance was far from adequate.

Coach Zvonimir Basic obviously knew his players' shortcomings. He made them play short-passing, first-time soccer and it proved successful in the first half.

But as the gameworeon, Manchester's superiority in the physical clashes cut out most of Victoria's moves and the organising ability of Doyle and Oakes paved the way to success.

The game proved that against top-class opposition, Victoria's midfield is way below standard.

The only man who can hold his position is



Keith Webster

Croatia's mercurial MacKay.

Speed is sadly lacking in midfield and without it, Victoria's forwards cannot win open space to be effective.

Anticipate

How can Branko Buljevic, Tommy McColl and Vojtek move into open space when the link is so slow that the defenders can anticipate every move?

And how can the linkmen move up to support attacks when they are too slow to get there on time?

Manchester's Doyle played in midfield and he scored three goals. Enough said.

It is time to forget sentiment and look at the Victorian players with cold eyes.

There are faults that can be overcome and perhaps thought should be given to the inclusion of Juventus' underrated, yet fast and intelligent linkman Keith Webster.

In attack, McColl and Buljevic both looked bad but I don't think they can carry the full blame.

As stated earlier, they would have looked better with more support.

The game was a vital test for defender Alistair Scott and he passed it well.

Scott was much sharper

than he has been and his dynamic headers always went to position.

His opponent, Frank Carrodus, was replaced by Derek Jefferies late in the game.

Sweeper George Kinnell was again the star of the match and was well supported by Drago Utjesenovic and Sandy Irvine.

I thought Victoria's defence won well. Ian Bowyer, Neil Young and Carrodus were kept fairly quiet for the full 90 minutes.

Cunning

If a vacancy can be found for him, I think Melbourne's talented and experienced Fabian Juhasz, would make the defence even stronger.

Against Werder Bremen's dynamic forwards Hasebrink, Lorenz and Goerts, his cunning would be valuable.

My best players for Victoria were George Kinnell, Drago Utjesenovic, Billy Vojtek and Jimmy MacKay, and for Manchester, Mike Doyle, Alan Oakes, Tony Towers and George Heslop.



Victorian defender Alistair Scott takes the ball from Manchester's Frank Carrodus during Sunday's match at Olympic Park.

Veterans are slowly fading

By George Yelland

Sunday's game against Manchester City proved that some of Victoria's older players are beginning to fade.

Coach Zvonimir Basic is looking for talented youngsters with the dedication to train and train until it hurts.

Nothing less will bring us to the stage of professionalism we saw last Sunday.

The game was a good spectacle with Victoria a much improved side.

Manchester gave the locals a lesson which, if heeded, could lift the State side to the top of Australian soccer.

The most obvious lesson was the need for top fitness.

Manchester set out to contain Victoria and then establish a half-time lead.

George Kinnell, backed by Drago Utjesenovic and Sandy Irvine, with Jack Reilly safe in goal, organised a defensive system which kept the visitors at bay for nearly an hour.

Not fit

The local boys, short of fitness by City's standards, gradually ran out of steam.

When Mike Doyle cleverly headed Alan Oakes' corner kick under Reilly's groping hands, it was the beginning of the end.

Doyle star of the game completed an individual hat-trick.

Glyn Pardoe gave a superb exhibition of full back play, tackling fiercely and distributing to advantage.

Lightning dashes by Oakes and Doyle were too much for Victoria's overworked defence in the second half.

Dangerous

It was not one way traffic by any means. In the first half, in particular, the local boys were dangerous when they broke through.

Billy Vojtek and David Gorrie were both wide with terrific volleys.

In fact better finishing could have given Victoria at least one goal.

Jimmy MacKay worked unobtrusively in the first half, repeatedly putting Gorrie, Vojtek and Buljevic on the move.

City realised his potential and in the second half, Tony Towers policed him out of the game.

A crowd pleasing display was prefaced by a colourful procession of more than 1000 juniors, representing many clubs in the State.

More than 25,000 spectators gave them a great reception.

Manchester had little style

By Alistair Cook

Few people were surprised last Sunday at Olympic Park when European Cup-Winners' Cup champion Manchester City turned on a thoroughly professional display to score a 3-0 win over Victoria.

None, however, would have anticipated the lack of real style, which the English visitors displayed in achieving their lack-lustre win.

Victoria was seldom equal to Manchester City although during a scoreless first half, the locals had enough scoring opportunities to stimulate the opposition to a brighter showing.

In a first half in which Victoria matched Manchester in most departments, it quickly became apparent that the midfield pair of Mike Doyle and Alan Oakes was to be a dominating factor in the final result. Frank Micic and

company were unable to match their influence.

The Victorian forwards had their share of chances but misses by Vojtek, McColl and Gorrie spoiled some good lead-up work and spirited defence from Kinnell, Utjesenovic and goalkeeper Reilly.

The absence of Lee, Bell and Summerbee from City's attack was obvious, for even regular first-team man Neil Young was struggling to find his touch.

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After half-time the inevitable happened, with the visitors slamming on two quick goals to put an end to any hope the

Victorians had of scoring an upset win.

As it turned out, Mike Doyle was the damaging player for Manchester City in his first game of the tour.

Our attack completely folded up during the second half, although for the whole game the Manchester side's pivot George Heslop, was in the comfortable position of going unchallenged in the middle.

When Mike Doyle rounded off his deserved hat-trick in the last minute of the game with a first-time shot, it came more as a relief than a regret that the game had ended.



Fabian Juhasz

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TILKOWSKI SPARKED WERDER RECOVERY

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Former German national team goalkeeper Hans Tilkowski is the man behind Werder Bremen's remarkable recovery.

Werder will play against Victoria at Olympic Park on Sunday, June 7, at 3 p.m.

Tilkowski took over as coach of Werder after the club had fired Fritz Rebell, under whom the team had dropped as low as second last.

Overcoming a crippling spate of injuries, Tilkowski brought Werder new enthusiasm and a new lease of life.

Intensifying the team's training sessions, he gave them the energy to finish in the middle of the table.

The team is currently in the last eight of the German Bundesliga Cup.

It was an outstanding feat and one few Germans would have thought possible.

Tilkowski said when he took over at Werder: "Take out of the team Horst Hoettges and Heinz Steinmann

and you have a bunch of unfit players.

"I was shocked to find, during the first training session, that most of the players began to gasp after only 20 minutes."

But Tilkowski knew his capabilities and the talent of his players.

"We can change all that", he said, "even if it takes a mammoth effort."

But for many, the appointment of Tilkowski had been left too late.

Said injured defender Bernd Schmidt: "The appointment of Tilkowski should have taken place three months ago. Maybe then we wouldn't be in such serious trouble."

Tilkowski found it hard to whip Werder's players into shape.

The long, cold winter had caused Werder more post-

ponements than any other German club and the players were simply short of match practice.

In addition, there were injuries galore. Defenders Schuetz, Piontek and Schmidt and forwards Lorenz, Deterding and Windhausen all missed games.

Star attacking fullback Dieter Zembski was suspended and also missed a few games.

At one stage, Tilkowski had only 12 players to choose from!

But he did it. His vast experience and tactical knowledge gave Werder three vital victories late in the season and the famous Bremen club stayed in the Bundesliga.

Tilkowski, 35, represented Germany 38 times — more than any other German goalkeeper.

He was reserve keeper during the 1958 and 1962 world championships but in 1966 he played in all games and stood in goal during the final at Wembley against England.

For 10 years, between 1957 and 1967, he was considered the most reliable goalkeeper in Germany.

Tilkowski was also in the Borussia Dortmund teams that won the European Cup in 1966 and the German Cup in 1965.

He also played for Westfalia Herne and Eintracht Frankfurt.

In 1965, he became the only German goalkeeper ever to be chosen by German journalists as footballer of the year.

On May 21, 1964, he played for one half for the European XI that beat Scandinavia 4-2 in Copenhagen.



National keeper beat the odds

Fans in Melbourne won't see Werder Bremen's dynamic full back Horst Hoettges when the German team meets Victoria on June 7 but Hoettges' replacement is no let-down.

Standing in for Hoettges, who is away in Mexico with the German national team, will be 24-year-old Dieter Zembski (pictured above).

Zembski hit the headlines in Germany early this month, when he was sent off during Werder's game against FC Kaiserslautern. Zembski retaliated after Kentschke allegedly spat in

his face, and was given his marching orders.

A tough, attacking full back, Zembski was in and out of the team until regular defender Schuetz was injured.

With Hoettges out, Zembski was the natural choice.

Hoettges himself has been capped for West Germany three times, and played in the 1966 World Cup final against England.

Formerly with German premier Mönchengladbach, Hoettges is 27 years old and helped Werder win the Bundesliga title in 1965.



Werder Bremen forward Hasebrink and defender Piontek (left) challenge Dortmund goalkeeper Rynio. The match ended in a 1-0 victory for Dortmund.

Final Bundesliga table, 1969/70

Moenchengladbach	23	5	6	71	29	51
Bayern Muenchen	21	5	8	88	37	47
Hertha BSC	20	5	9	67	41	45
1. FC Koeln	20	3	11	83	38	43
Bor. Dortmund	14	8	12	60	67	36
Hamburger SV	12	11	11	57	54	35
VfB Stuttgart	14	7	13	59	62	35
Eintr. Frankfurt	12	10	12	54	54	34
Schalke 04	11	12	11	43	54	34
Kaiserslautern	10	12	12	44	55	32
Werder Bremen	10	11	13	38	47	31
Rot-Weiss Essen	8	15	11	41	54	31
Hannover 96	11	8	15	49	61	30
R.W. Oberhausen	11	7	16	50	62	29
MSV Duisburg	9	11	14	35	48	29
Braunschweig	9	10	15	40	49	28
Muenchen 1860	9	7	18	41	56	25
Alemannia Aachen	5	7	22	31	83	17

Lezon seeks talent

Top - class Polish First and Second Division players will be sought by Polonia technical advisor Ted Lezon when he holidays in Europe next week.

Polonia secretary Tom Ostrowski said today his club was eager to sign another Jankowski, Zielenars or Janczyk.

"We want star players the players can idolise. This is the best way to build up their enthusiasm," he said.

Mr. Ostrowski added if Mr. Lezon could sign top class players they would also be used to coach Polonia's large army of juniors.

The long-awaited arrival of talented Polish centre half Marek Konopka is not far off.

A letter from the Polish Olympic Committee, which is funding the transfer, said Konopka would arrive in Melbourne "in a few weeks time". Laurie Schwab.



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Alistair Cook looks at this week's State League games

JUST COULD DO IT

Without a doubt the big clash this week will be between J.U.S.T. and Juventus at Schintler Reserve, Footscray, on Sunday.

J.U.S.T., nearest challengers to Juventus, but still five points in arrears, will be trying to reduce the leeway with a win.

Unless JUST do win, Juventus will have such a commanding lead at the top of the table that they will be well on the way to winning the title.

On Saturday at Ringwood, the well placed Wilhelmina meet an inconsistent Polonia.

On the same day at Essendon, two struggling sides Lions and Hakoah will battle it out for precious points. To complete the Saturday program Alexander face a luckless Slavia at Olympic Park.

At Olympic Park on Sunday, Croatia could be on dangerous ground against the improving George Cross.

At Middle Park on the same day the dis-

FERGUSON TO STAY

Tommy Ferguson, who was transfer-listed by George Cross, has decided to stay with the club and is back in training.

Ferguson, 25, who switched from Wilhelmina four years ago, will probably be in the reserve team on Sunday.

ALEXANDER v. SLAVIA

Despite their narrow defeat by Juventus in their last outing, Alexander are no great shakes.

The more composed Slavia with a tight defence and better "know-how" should boost their meagre points total.

WILHELMINA v. POLONIA

The well blended Wilhelmina, whose points and scoring total is much more impressive than their opponents, are seldom in a generous mood at Ringwood. Polonia, with inconsistency their biggest worry, can hardly be optimistic on the outcome.

LIONS v. HAKOAH

Desperation is likely to be the keynote of the Lions-Hakoah game with both sides badly needing

full points in a bid to get them away from the relegation zone. There should not be a great deal if anything between the sides, but Lions could hold off Hakoah.

CROATIA v. GEORGE CROSS

Croatia have lost some of their poise and zip. Problems in defence add to their worries. On the other hand, George Cross look better than their position indicates but their attack is feeble. Croatia, much more potent in this department, are favored to win.

JUST v. JUVENTUS

Unbeaten after eight rounds, and only dropping one point in the process, Juventus are worthy leaders.

However, they could be ripe to be downed. And if any side is capable of doing this it could be JUST. Occasional lapses in concentration and temperamental tantrums of one or two of the JUST players are perhaps their only real shortcomings.

I'm going for JUST to win if they are in their best mood and don't get rattled. But it will be from easy.

S.M. HELLAS v. MELBOURNE

South Melbourne Hellas have not been impressive and have been lucky to have drawn some games they should have lost.

Melbourne show signs of improvement. However, with a better balanced formation, Hellas may get back with a win.

FORWARD IN CAR SMASH

South Melbourne Hellas forward Ulysses Kokkinos was involved in a car accident last week.

Kokkinos received only minor injuries and should be fit to play against Melbourne on Sunday.

John Bedford, who has been troubled by a persistent knee injury, is also expected to be fit for the game.

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A Manchester player jumps high over Victorian defender Sandy Irvine in the big game at Olympic Park last week.

Club chief dies

Two deaths occurred recently in two well known soccer families.

Former president of Park Rangers S.C., Mr. Edgar Bailey, 84, was cremated at Springvale on Monday, May 18.

He leaves a widow and two sons, Norman and George.

Norman was a playing member of the Park Rangers Dockerty Cup winning team in 1948.

Mrs. Edwards died after a long illness. She leaves two young children.

★ SOCCER SIDELINES

By ALISTAIR COOK

Two well known Slavia first players, full-back Alan McBain and wing half Allan Reed, will sail back to England tomorrow (Friday) for keeps.

Both were with Slavia for two years. McBain played with Swansea Town, Carlisle United and Luton Town. Reed was captain of non-league side Romford Town.

Will David Kelly, the regular first team right back of South Melbourne Hellas recently displaced by Alan Rutherford, succeed in his quest to find a new club?

Transfer-listed by Hellas at his own request, the transfer fee required for his services is likely to be the stumbling block in his bid for a move.

Several clubs are interested, but are so short of cash that their offers and Hellas valuation of the player may not clinch a deal.

El Salvador, Israel are rated 500-1 chances by Ladbrokes one of England's biggest bookmakers. Brazil are rated favorites at 4-1 with England next at 5-1.

secret of the fact that they would like to return.

Israel team boss Emanuel Scheffer who is German-born is a survivor of a concentration camp in Germany.

The tough hard tackling West Germany side who beat Scotland to qualify are rated by many top Scottish critics as a side likely to do well.

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Rumania whose B team played here early this year, are optimistic on their chances of qualifying despite being classed as "underdogs".

And the Rumanians point to the fact they drew with England in Bucharest in 1968 and again at Wembley in 1969.

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The V.S.F. and all connected with the Manchester City visit, are appreciative of the fine gesture by Metropolitan Third Division club St. Kilda, who put their club rooms at the V.S.F.'s disposal for entertainment and presentations.

Manchester made no

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Malloy Quits

Former Victorian representative Jimmy Malloy has quit Maribyrnong Polonia.

Malloy, 30, who was not selected for the games against Croatia and Fitzroy Alexander, told the committee he thought the young Polonia team was playing so well that he would not regain his place.

Malloy, Jimmy Millar and David Closs joined Polonia from Juventus last year, to help the Maribyrnong club avoid relegation.

After accomplishing their mission, they were given best clubman awards at the end of the season.

Malloy and Millar are now both on the transfer list. Only Closs is still playing.

Before joining Juventus six years ago, Malloy was with Melbourne.

His place in Polonia's senior squad has gone to 18-year-old striker Bogden Anolak, from Polonia's junior club, Ardeer.

Other young players who have recently been included in the squad are Ardeer linkman Marian Jaworski and Newport goalkeeper George Wielgosz.



Jimmy Malloy (right) in the Juventus colors.

Sunday is the day

The 16 qualifiers in the World Cup swing into action on Sunday in Mexico City.

The final will be played on June 21.

WORLD CUP SPECIAL



CUP SHORTS

MORROCO'S trainer, Blagoje Vidinic, has said his team's World Cup tactics "will be based on a strong defence involving all 11 players."

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BRAZIL emerged as favorites to win the trophy in a survey conducted by the Soviet news agency Tass among the coaches of the 16 finalists nations.

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RUSSIA had a scare last week when their goalkeeper, Kudakov, was injured in a match against Millonarios of Colombia. Doctors recommend a total rest for Kudakov and he may miss some of the early matches.

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In group one, the host nation Mexico City should qualify and Russia are expected to pip Belgium for the other placing.

In group two, it looks like a three-pronged struggle between Italy, Uruguay and Sweden, with not one of them having any real superiority over the other.

In group three, England the holders face a tough trio in Brazil, Czechoslovakia and Rumania.

Unless they improve on their recent form England could be in trouble.

Brazil with a near "home" advantage and a good side, and "dark horses" Czechoslovakia, may pip England for a place in the quarter-finals.

GOOD FORM

Brazil already have three competition wins to their credit in the World Cup. Czechoslovakia, who have appeared in two finals, will also be formidable opposition for England. Rumania the fourth member of the group are something of an unknown quantity.

In group four, West Germany who lost to England in the 1966 final and won the competition in 1954, are favorites. Peru coached by the great Didi should also qualify.

If England and Brazil qualify for the quarter-finals, and also win their semi-final ties, they would meet in the final.

GROUPS, DRAW AND VENUES:

GROUP ONE (Mexico City)

Mexico, Russia, Belgium, El Salvador.

GROUP TWO (Puebla Toluca)

Italy, Uruguay, Sweden, Israel.

GROUP THREE (Guadalajara)

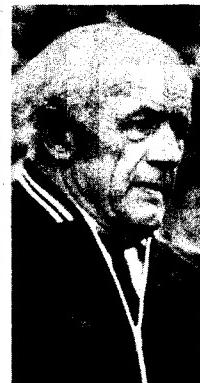
England, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Rumania.

GROUP FOUR (Leon)

West Germany, Peru, Bulgaria, Morocco.

The top two sides from each group will qualify for the quarter-finals.

The beaten semi-finalists play-off to determine the third and fourth placings.



Lou Lazzari, Victoria's team masseur, did not look the happiest man in the world when our photographer caught him at the big game last week between Victoria and Manchester City. Manchester were well in command and Lou was finding it hard to raise a smile.



Two World Cup stars: Gordon Banks (left), the England goalkeeper, and Gerd Muller (right), ace West German goal-getter.

World Cup sidelines

Jimmy Greaves has said England will lose their World Cup in Mexico. Jock Stein has said England won't retain the cup while well known soccer journalist Roy Peskett says "Mark my words Peru could be the Dark horses".

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Two players both well known in State League soccer played against each other in the world Cup qualifying rounds in 1961. They were Willem Schroif, the former Slavia goalkeeper who was keeper for Czechoslovakia, and Duncan McKay, the Croatia full-back who has been out of action since the middle of last season. Duncan appeared for Scotland.

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Toughest team boss of the 16 World Cup qualifiers is reputed to be Juan Eduardo Hohberg of Uruguay. Born in Argentina but naturalised Uruguayan he was centre forward for Uruguay in the 1954 competition.

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Nine of Sweden's players are drawn from seven other European leagues. Manager Orvar Bergmark claims this is an advantage which will allow the team to start with a sound tactical knowledge of how many of their opponents are likely to play.

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Belgium, one of the under-rated teams in the finals, beat Mexico in Brussels last year but lost the return match in Mexico City. Last time they played Russia two years ago they were beaten by a goal from a last minute free kick.

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Uruguay massed an eight-man defence that is now typical of the World Cup. Keeper Maspoli did wonders in goal. Score at half-time - 0-0.

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Russia did their pre-Mexico preparations in the warm-climate of Yugoslavia in February.

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Reports that Bobby Charlton of Manchester United, who has now played more than 100 times for England, will retire after the World Cup are unconfirmed.

SCARED OF DEFEAT

Football is the lifeblood of the Brazilian masses. The Welfare State, a new housing program, even revolutions are pushed to one side when Brazil are on World Cup business.

So, have you ever stopped to think what might happen if Brazil DON'T win the World Cup? Perhaps a peep into the goings-on after 1950 World Cup final gives a clue.

The competition was staged in Brazil that year. The 250,000-capacity Maracana Stadium was built. The hosts reached the final.

Flags were flying, fireworks crackled, fans chanted and cheered.

They were so very, very confident of victory. And with good reason.

On their way to the final, Brazil had beaten Mexico 4-0, Yugoslavia 2-0 and drawn 2-2 with Switzerland. In the final pool, they thrashed Sweden 7-1 and Spain 6-1.

Their Cup final opponents, Uruguay, had got through the earlier qualifiers on a single match-beating the so-weak Bolivia 6-0.

But in the final pool they only just survived with a 2-2 draw against Spain and a scratchy 3-2 win over Sweden - the same two countries Brazil had hit 13 goals against.

The referee was George Reader, then a schoolmaster from Southampton, now chairman of Southampton F.C.

He was too old to

referee in the Football League, but was reckoned best man to referee this game between two fiery Latin American sides.

Uruguay massed an eight-man defence that is now typical of the World Cup. Keeper Maspoli did wonders in goal. Score at half-time - 0-0.

Within two minutes of the second half, Brazil scored through winger Friaca. The Maracana exploded. The fans sat back and waited for the slaughter. It never came.

Uruguay equalised with 20 minutes to go - and bagged a sensational winner in the 79th minute.

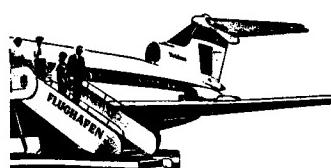


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GLOOMY LOT

The Victorian bench looked a gloomy lot when our photographer caught them watching the game against Manchester City at Olympic Park last week. Left to right: Gastone, Boggi, assist. coach, Zvonimir Rasic, coach, John Barclay, team manager, and players David Gorrie, Bryan Thomson and Steve Bleskany.

Metropolitan round-up — with George Yelland

Over the years, Victoria's Dockerty Cup has produced some exciting and memorable games, but never more so than last Saturday.

Altona and Box Hill put on a display of fast, exciting, end-to-end Soccer which sizzled for a full two hours. It is fitting that they both live to fight again.

PRAHRAN fought a great battle with the powerful ELWOOD AUSTRIA, before going down by two goals very late in the game.

SPRINGVALE and KEILOR was another battle royal, with the Eastern Suburbs team unlucky to

concede the game by the only goal scored.

CLAYTON fought hard in the other match, but were outclassed by WESTERN SUBURBS, who repeated the League victory of the previous week.

Another unbeaten record went when COBURG floundered and flopped in the mud of YARRA PARK.

A more spritely Hercules merited their narrow victory, although Coburg hit the wood-work twice and missed a penalty.

EXCITEMENT, BIG SCORES IN CUP GAMES

Several shocks and one or two mammoth scores featured the Harry Armstrong Cup ties.

RINGWOOD CITY WILHELMINA reserves annihilated Fourth Division CORIO reserves, as did FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. with ELTHAM.

Probably the best reserves team in Metropolitan Soccer, ELWOOD AUSTRIA, soundly defeated the youthful MELBOURNE reserves.

As forecast, a vastly improved CHELSEA collected its first victory when St. Kilda provided the opposition.

Eltham jumped into the lead in Fourth Division when they thrashed Rosebud, who could only muster eight men at the start.

Previous leaders, North Carlton Olympic were off the game.

Box Hill travelled to Altona for their fourth Dockerty Cup qualifying round and the teams put on a show that thrilled the crowd of over 400 spectators.

Chances occurred at both ends and there were many near things.

For Altona, Billy Omerod and Billy Ackers were missing, Stuart Culbard and Steve Herman took their places.

Culbard played particularly well on the left defensive flank. Ian Roberts was in top form in goal. Ian Hyds, Tommy Keen and Bill Savage were also prominent.

It was, however, team effort by both sides which produced the scintillating spectacle.

Minutes before normal time Tommy McPerfison crossed a beauty for Grant McGregor to shake the cross-bar with a bullet-like header.

Another hard drive by Wilkes, in extra time, was dead on target, but Roberts saved in fine style.

Prahran pressed

Elwood Austria all the way at Como Park.

Austria took a first half lead when Kevin Walsh flashed home a 25 yards drive which swerved away from the goalkeeper into the net.

Midway through the second half, Prahran equalised with a smartly taken goal, and it was anybody's game until those final three minutes when Ganglmeier, signed from Richmond, gave Austria a 2-1 lead.

The third goal came in the last minute.

Once again, Springvale did the majority of attacking, but lost the game. As a spectacle it was the best game seen at Springvale this season.

The steady influence of Hank Meyer was sadly missed, and several good opportunities went begging.

In the second half Springvale piled on the pressure, and Paul Rubens shot over the bar when he might well have scored.

Always on top

Keilor came back, and from a cross by O'Grady, Eddie Kupicz slammed in the winner.

A great game, with Springvale unlucky not to get another chance.

Western Suburbs were always in command in their cup tie with Clayton.

A good crowd of over 200 saw the home side take the lead with an

early penalty goal for hands.

George Maykousis converted the kick. Nick Adamidis made it 2-0 before half-time.

Seventeen-years-old Demetrios Kyparitis scored twice, in the 46th and 51st minutes, to give Western Suburbs a winning lead.

They relaxed and Tony Wordley pulled one back for Clayton.

Shortly afterwards Western Suburbs made it 5-1 and in the dying minutes Archie Currie scored Clayton's second goal.

In spite of being beaten five times, John Slade starred in goal for Clayton.

Western Suburbs are a well disciplined and talented combination.

They set their sights on division two, this season and look likely to make it.

Brighton took their chances to out Altona Rovers from the Federation Cup, at Dendy Street last Saturday.

Starting somewhat shakily, Brighton broke away to take the lead in 6 minutes when John Leighton crashed it in after the ball rebounded from the woodwork.

Altona had, by far, the major portion of attack, but Brighton's defence was impregnable.

Against the general run of play, Breslin increased the home side's lead before half-time.

In the 73rd minute,

Theman made it 3-0 with a low diving header which Brown touched but could not hold.

Altona stepped up the pressure, but Campbell was magnificent in defence with fierce, first time tackles and boundless energy.

Behind him Law was faultless in goal.

For Brighton, Campbell, Law, Breslin, Gibb and King were outstanding.

Altona's best were Stuart, Rafferty, Cree and Vella.

Box Hill were handicapped with six regular reserves cupped and John Foster injured.

Three youngsters, Trevor Teers 15, Michael Cosgrove 16 and John Symes 16, played in the tie against St. Albans Reserves.

They all did well. Teers was outstanding. Although going down to St. Albans, 2-0, the committee was well pleased with the juniors efforts.

Altona Rovers

Reserves advanced with a two clear goals victory over Keilor City.

Bobby Keenan scored the first and Ron Stevenson, just back from Scotland, scored the second.

DIVISION ONE

Coburg United were bogged down in the mud against Princes Park Hercules and lost their first game of the season.

They had enough chances to salvage at least one point, but a combination of bad luck and rank bad finishing lost the game.

Hercules took the lead when they caught Coburg's defence flat footed.

Conceding a penalty for hands, Hercules should have found themselves on level terms.

John Yelland's spot kick had the goalie going the wrong way, but the ball went wide of the posts.

Coburg kept trying to work the ball down the middle, which was a sea of mud.

Gambin, at centre half, was outstanding in Hercules' defence and blocked the way to goal.

In a goalmouth melee, Hercules made it 2-0, and Coburg were struggling.

Four minutes from time, Roy Yearsley headed home a Graham Watson free-kick, but Coburg never looked likely to pull the game out of the fire.

George Malcolm, on the left wing, and Sammy Crooks in goal, were best of a disappointing Coburg.

Sandringham are settling down after a poor start to the season.

They convincingly won at Oakleigh Athena's expense and moved well up the ladder.

Athena scored only their fifth goal for the season and remain the only pointless side in all four divisions.

In shocking playing conditions, Waverley and Moreland shared two goals.

It was impossible to play good soccer in the heavy mud and a draw was a fair result.

DIVISION THREE

As expected, the rapidly improving Chelsea finally made it.

Their 2-0 victory over St. Kilda was no fluke. They should have won by more.

Chelsea were on top throughout but over anxiousness spoiled many attacks.

A scoreless first half was followed by more Chelsea pressure.

John Mathieson opened their account with a sparkling 25 yards drive in the 60th minute.

Ten minutes later Johnny Cox placed a free-kick accurately for Jackie Ogilvie to apply the finishing touch.

Chelsea mean business and will give any opponents a torrid time, from now on.

Heideberg shocked Croydon, when they visited last Saturday.

Croydon were slow to the ball and lacked fire in the heavy going.

and Eltham's big win puts them at the top again.

Newport went to Monash and defeated the University by two clear goals.

They, too, step over Olympic, on the ladder.

Mornington scored their first win when they comfortably defeated Broadmeadows City.

Only recently, Broadmeadows inflicted Newports only defeat, but have fallen badly since then.

Doncaster Rovers and South Yarra fought hard in the heavy going.

The match ended with honours even, four goals being shared.

South Yarra, top scorers in the league, have also conceded many goals.

With a tightening up in defence they could become a force in the League.

This Saturday the League battles resumes in earnest.

Interest in Second division will centre on the top of the table battle at Coles Reserve, Pascoe Vale, where Coburg (top) meet Green Gully Ajax (second).

All divisions have their quota of needle games and ladder positions could undergo significant changes.

DOCKERTY CUP DRAWERS

Draws for the final preliminary round of the Dockerty Cup and the first round proper have been made and resulted as follows.

Final Preliminary Round

Saturday, June 13.

Newborough v. Western Subs. I.C.I. Elwood Austria v. Keilor City. Bell Park v. Morwell Rangers.. Altona or Box Hill v. Geelong.

First Round Proper. W-E July 4-5 P.M. Slavia v. R.C. Wilhelmmina. S.Mel.B.Hells v. Polonia. Footscray JUST v. Hakoah. George Cross v. Juventus. Lions v. Alexander Newborough or West Subs. v. Croatia. Bell Park or Morwell v. El Austria or Keilor. Altona, Box Hill or Geelong v. Melbourne.

The final preliminary round brings in four country clubs.

One each from Geelong, Ballarat & Dist. Latrobe Valley, and Morwell (Latrobe). I think Morwell will be too strong.

Newborough (Latrobe) will have a fight on their hands when the well balanced Metropolitan side, Western Suburbs I.C.I., make the long trip. I think the Metropolitan side will win.

Winner of the Box Hill, Altona replay will be too strong for Geelong.

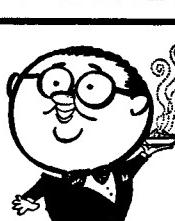
Match of the round will be at Elwood where Austria entertains Keilor.

Ground advantage may just swing it Austria's way.

My long distance forecast for the last eight is - South Melb. Hellas, J.U.S.T., Slavia, Juventus, Lions, Croatia, Austria and Box Hill.

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RESULTS AND FIXTURES

DOCKERTY CUP

Preliminary Round 4. Saturday
May 23.

Altona 0 Box Hill 0, after extra

FEDERATION CUP REPLAY

Brighton 3, Albion Rovers 0.

HARRY ARMSTRONG RESERVES CUP

Albion Rovers 2, Keilor City 0.
Altona 2, Juventus 6. Coburg
United 0, Brighton 2. Dandenong
City 1, P.M.Slavia 8. Elwood
Austria 5, Melbourne 1. Ferntree
Gully 2, Sunshine City 2, after
extra time. Footscray JUST 11,
Eltham 0. Hakoah 1, Croatia 0.
Mooroobark 2, Croydon 1.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Division Two.
P.P.Hercules 2, Coburg United
1. Sandringham 4, Oakleigh
Athena 1. Waverley City 1,
Moreland Thistle 1.

Division Three.
Chelsea 2, St. Kilda 0. Croydon
0, Heidelberg 4. E.Melb.Helvetic
2, Ferntree Gully 2.

Division Four.
Corio - Melbourne Uni. Match

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FIXTURES - Saturday May 30.

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BALLARAT, GEELONG AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Ballarat United's game at North Geelong, the previous week is to be replayed.

As a result of their draw with Hamlyn Rangers at the weekend they drop to third spot on the ladder.

With superior average to

With superior goal average to Geelong City, Geelong take over top spot.

Results of last week's games:-

First Division.

Ballarat United 1,

Hamlyn Rangers 1,

Belmont 4, Geelong City

7, Geelong 5, Bronto

Timkens 1, North Geelong 11, Bell Park - a

Second Division.

Ballarat United 2,

Friendly match -

Norlane T-Birds 6, Red Devils 0.

Under 17 League.

Ballarat United 7,

Hamlyn Rangers 0, Bell

Park 1, Redan 5,

Maryborough 0, Corio

13, Wendouree v. Corio

15s., postponed until

Queen's Birthday.

Geelong a bye.

Geelong Little League.

Under 14.

Barwon Tigers 1,

North United 1,

Newcombe United 6,

Corio Colts 0,

Newcombe Wand. 5,

Mighty Midgets 0.

Geelong Saints 0,

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